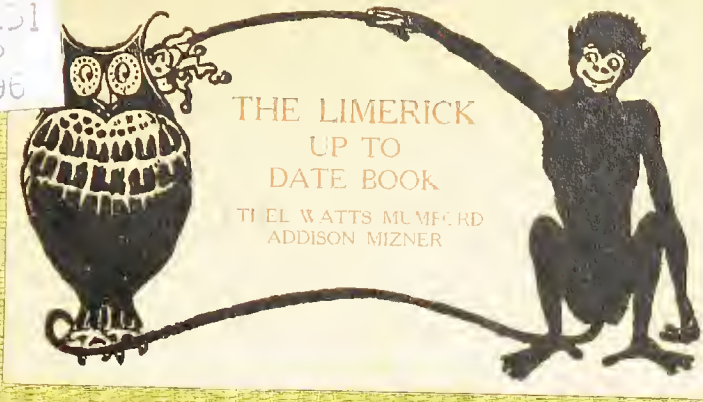
PN
6231
L5
M96



THE LIMERICK
UP TO DATE BOOK

THEL WATTS MUMFORD
ADDISON MIZNER

CORNELL
UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY

GIFT OF
Andrew D. White
Library

Cornell University Library
PN 6231.L5M96

The limerick up to date book,

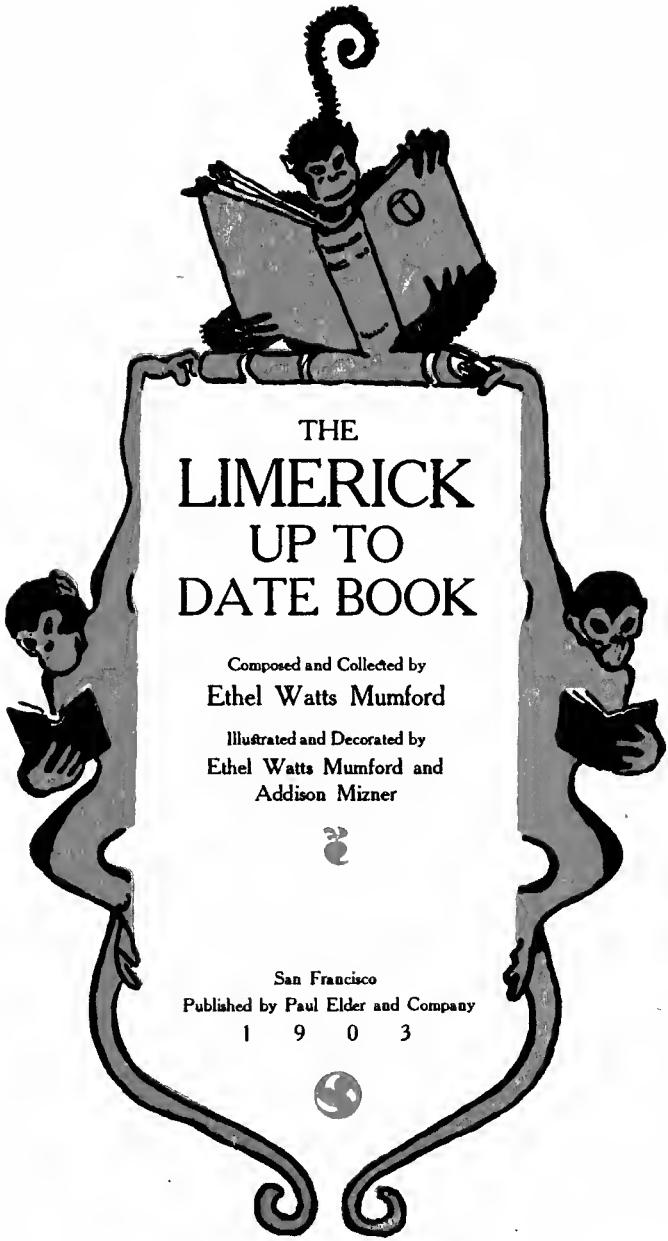
3 1924 012 535 724 olin

The original of this book is in
the Cornell University Library.

There are no known copyright restrictions in
the United States on the use of the text.

http://www.archive.org/details/cu31924012535724

LIMRICK
FERNINST.



THE LIMERICK UP TO DATE BOOK

Composed and Collected by

Ethel Watts Mumford

Illustrated and Decorated by

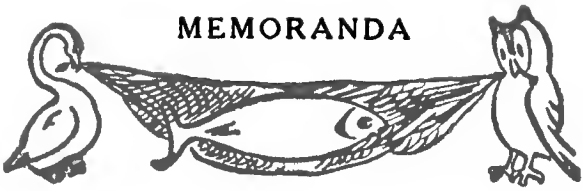
Ethel Watts Mumford and
Addison Mizner

San Francisco
Published by Paul Elder and Company
1 9 0 3

Copyright 1903
by PAUL ELDER

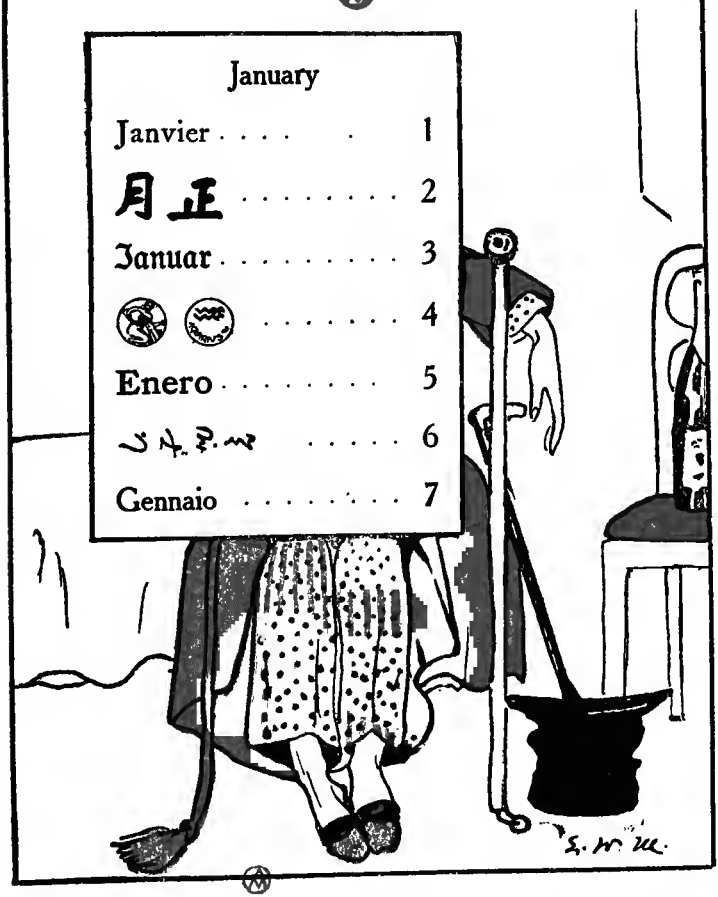
The Tomoyé Press
San Francisco

MEMORANDA

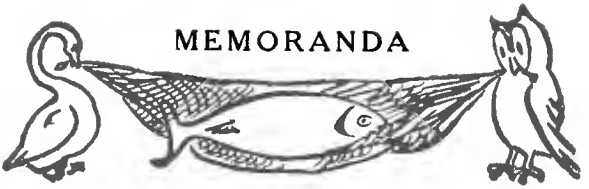


Good Resolutions.

John woke on Jan. first and felt queer;
Said, "Crackers I'll swear off this year!
For the lobster and wine
And the rabbit were fine,
And it certainly wasn't the beer."



MEMORANDA



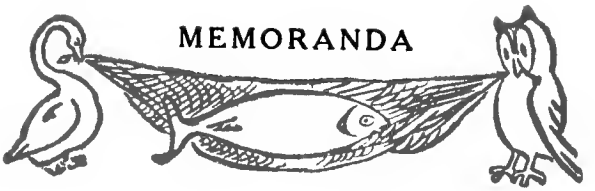
Beware of Rash Judgments.

A dame at the beaches of Florida,
All the ladies said couldn't be horrider;
But she proved them all wrong,
And she said, "Go along!"
While the climate grew torrid and torrider.

January

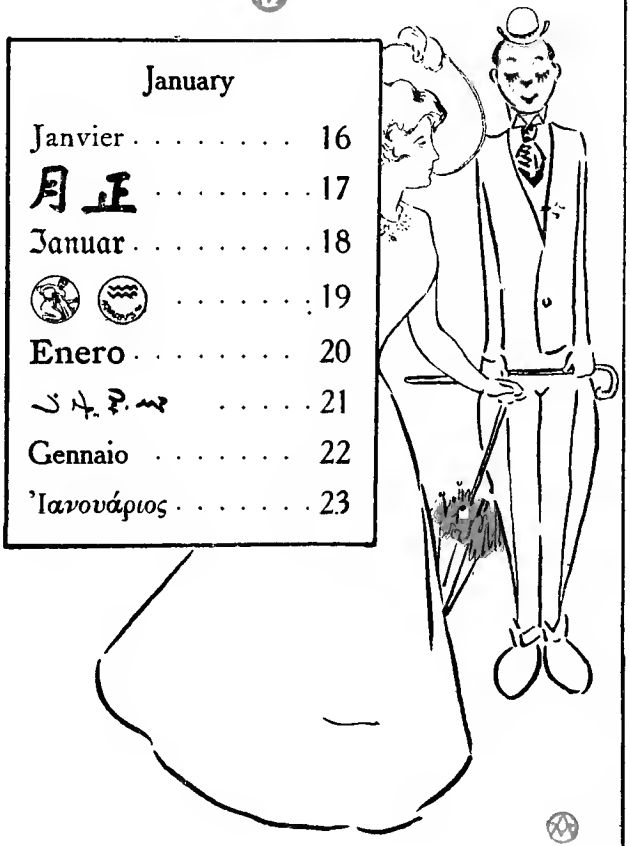
Janvier 8
月正 9
Januar 10
. 11
Enero 12
ᔑᓇᐯᓂ 13
Gennaio 14
Ἰανουάριος 15

MEMORANDA



Flattery.

Said the lady, "With you I'll not go,
You're reported to be far from slow."
Said he, turning red,
With a smile quite o'erspread—
"O Madame, don't flatter me so!"



MEMORANDA

Jan.

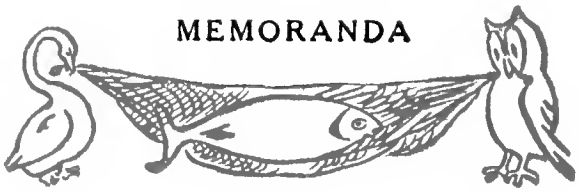
Lavishness.

There was a young lady named Julie,
Who was terribly fond of patchouli;
She used bottles seven,
'Til she smelt up to heaven,
Which made all the angels unruly.

January

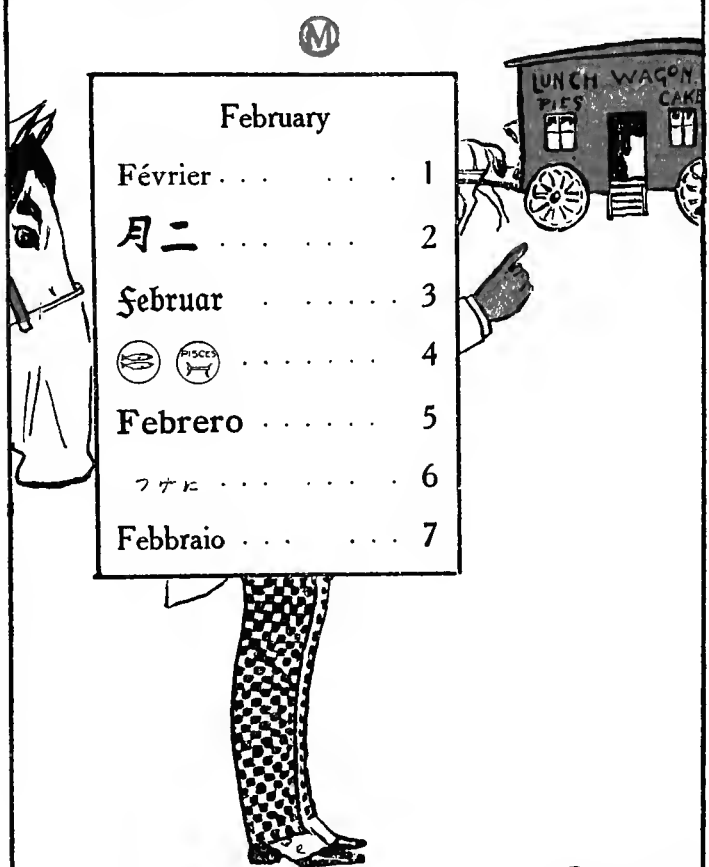
Janvier	24
月正	25
Januar	26
	27
Enero	28
ינואר	29
Gennaio	30
Ἰανουάριος	31

MEMORANDA

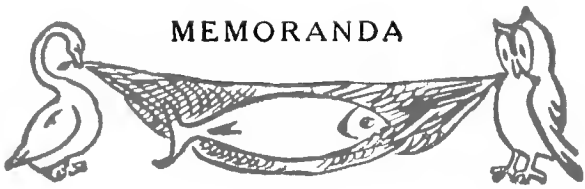


The Wicked Punster.

Said a sporty young person named Groat,
Who owned an old race-horse of note,
"I consider it smart
To lunch a la cart,
But the horse always takes table d'oat."



MEMORANDA



Feb.

The Church-Goer.

There was a young man who said, "There,
I will sneak out during this prayer!"
But the squeak of his shoes
So enlivened the pews,
That he sat down again in despair.

February

Février 8

月二 9

Februar 10

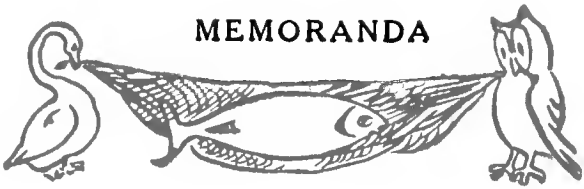
. 11

Febrero 12

フナに 13

Febbraio 14

MEMORANDA



Speak Kindly.

She's so homely you'd think she would smother,
And her back view is just like her brother.
Her eyes are both bent,
And her nose is a dent;
But then, "she's so good to her mother!"

MEMORANDA

Feb.

Good Manners.

There was a young person of Tottenhem,
Whose manners, Good Lord! she'd forgotten 'em.
When she went to the vicar's,
She took off her knickers,
Because she said she was hot in 'em.

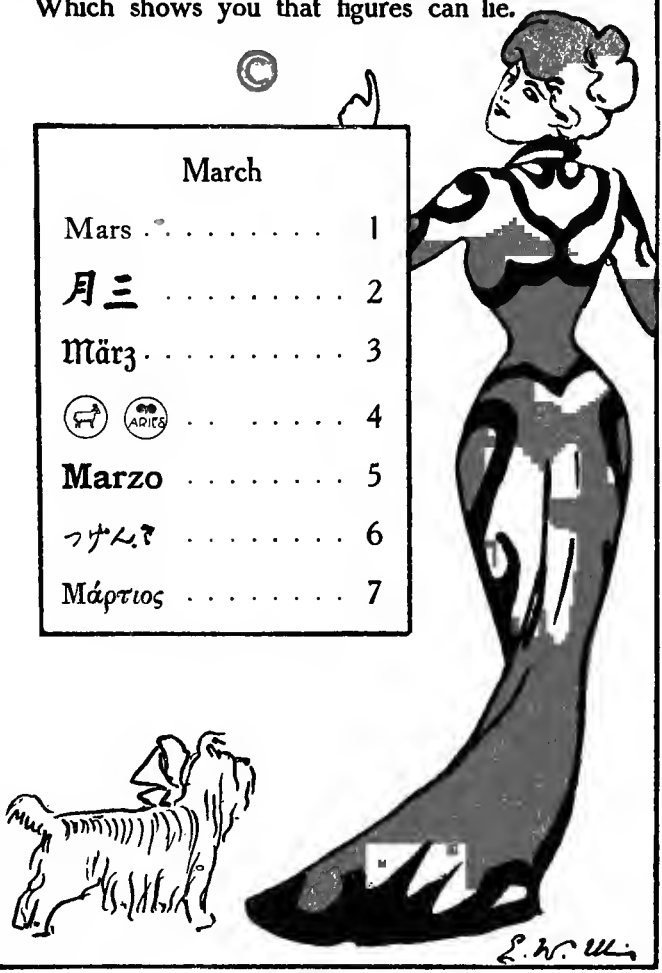
February

Février	22
月二	23
Februar	24
	25
Febrero	26
フナヒ	27
Febbraio	28

MEMORANDA

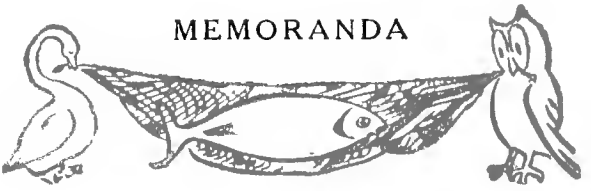
Appearances are Deceitful.

There was a young lady of Skye,
With a shape like a capital I;
She said, "It's too bad!
But then I can pad,"—
Which shows you that figures can lie.



March	
Mars	1
月三	2
März	3
ARIES	4
Marzo	5
ツザム?	6
Μάρτιος	7

MEMORANDA



March

Tact.

There was a bright person named Biddle,
Who asked everybody a riddle.
When asked, "Can you tell
The answer as well?"
He replied, "I begin in the middle."

Ⓜ

March

Mars 8

月三 9

März 10

. 11

Marzo 12

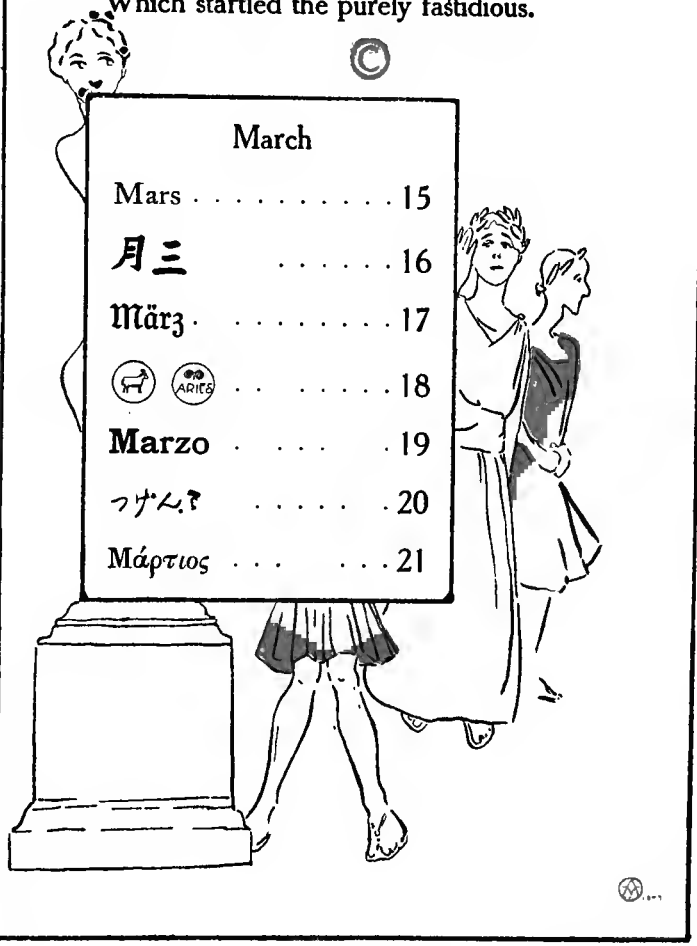
ツヴんﾅ? 13

Μάρτιος 14

MEMORANDA

Sculpture.

There was an old sculptor named Phidias,
Whose knowledge of Art was invidious.
He carved Aphrodite
Without any nightie —
Which startled the purely fastidious.



MEMORANDA

March

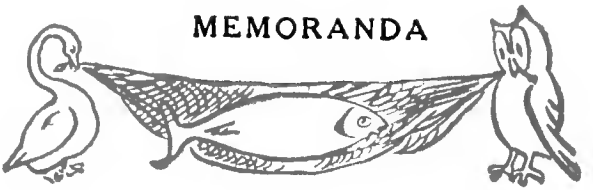
Intemperance.

There once was a baker named Dunn,
Who always was out for the fun,
And although it was said
He was very well bred,
He spent all his dough on a "bun"!

March

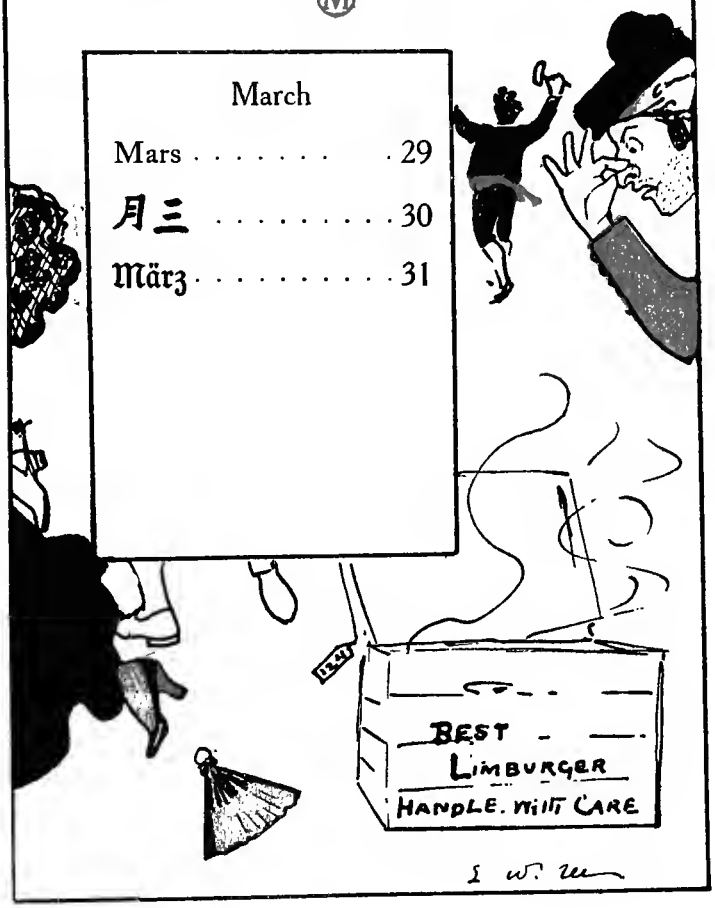
Mars	22
月三	23
März	24
	25
Marzo	26
ツガムヒ	27
Μάρτιος	28

MEMORANDA

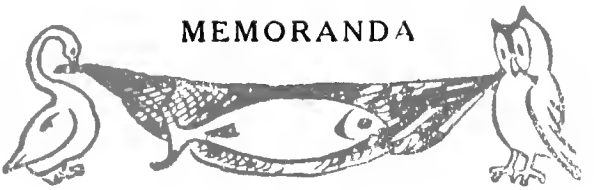


The Careful Buyer.

There was an old man of Madrid,
Who went to an auction to bid;
He bought, if you please,
A case of old cheese—
But oh, Gosh! when they lifted the lid!



MEMORANDA



April

A Quiet Life.

An Abbess whom all did admire,
To holiness much did aspire.
When asked to a ball,
She replied, "Not at all;
I've another engagement that's Prior."

April

Avril 1

月四 2

April 3

. 4

Abril 5

ゆがた 6

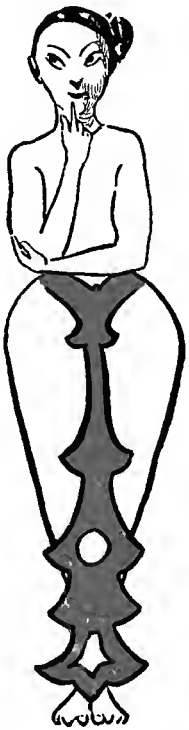
Aprile 7

MEMORANDA

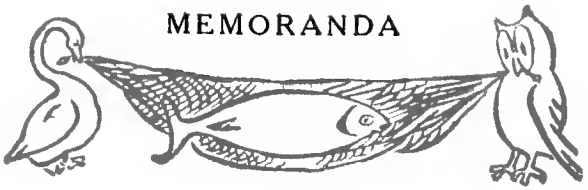
Gentleness.

There was a fair maiden of Siam,
Who said to her lover, "O Priam,
You may kiss me, of course,
But you've got to use force —
And, God knows, you are stronger than I am!"

April	
Avril	8
月四	9
April	10
TAURUS	11
Abril	12
卯月	13
Aprile	14
Ἀπρίλιος	15



MEMORANDA



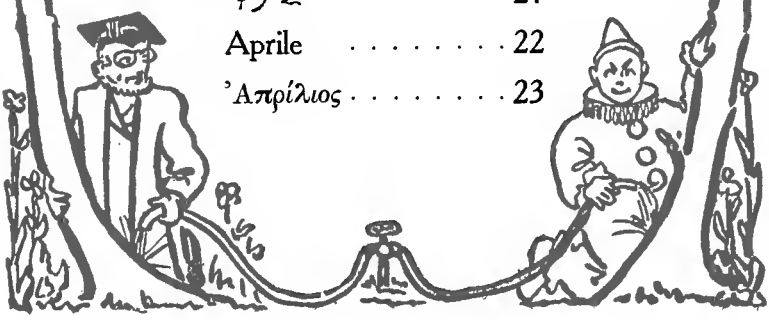
April

Exasperation.

There was an old person named Sam,
Who was wearied of Omar Khayyam.
Fitzgerald, you know,
Is the whole of the show;
But this cult and this music, "Oh, d—!"

April

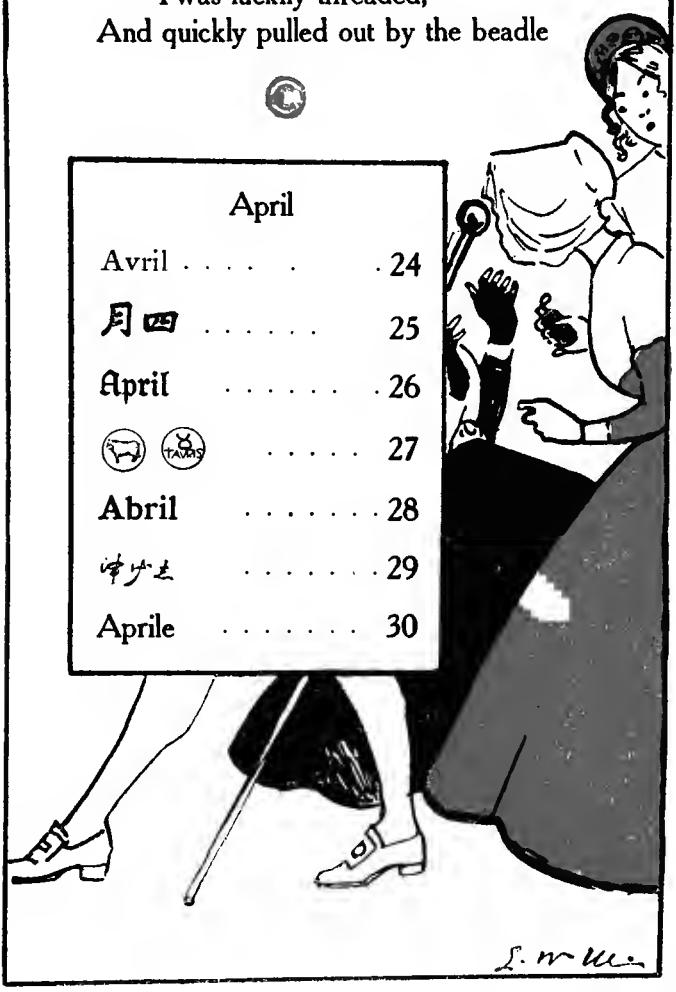
Avril 16
月四 17
April 18
♉ TAURUS 19
Abril 20
卯ガ土 21
Aprile 22
Ἀπρίλιος 23



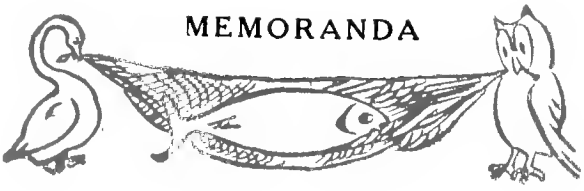
MEMORANDA

The Kind Beadle.

There was an old lady of Threedle,
Who sat down in church on a needle;
Tho' deeply embedded,
'Twas luckily threaded,
And quickly pulled out by the beadle



MEMORANDA



May

Improper Language.

There was a fair maid of Oshkosh,
Who on Tuesday cried out, "Oh, by Gosh!"
For up on the roof
There was ocular proof
That some one had stolen the wash.

May

Mai 1

月五 2

Mäi 3

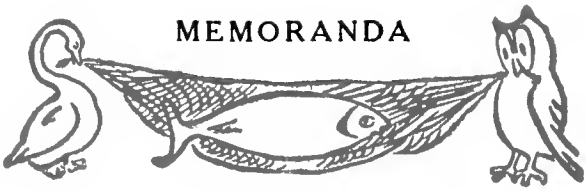
. 4

Mayo 5

つ月 6

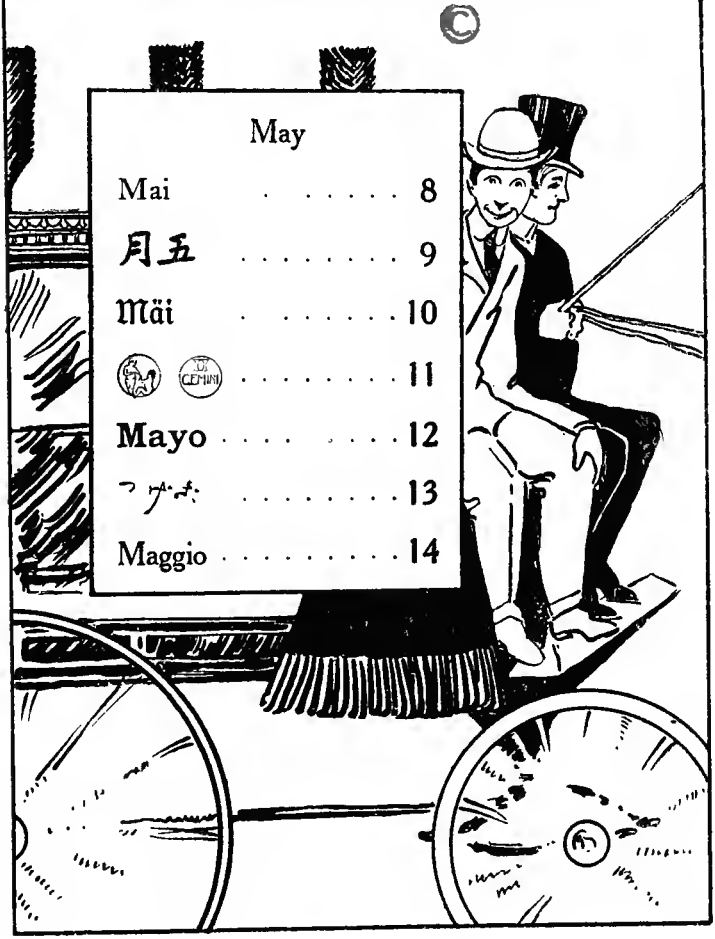
Maggio 7

MEMORANDA



Make the Best of Adverse Circumstances.

There was a young person named Clyde,
Who was once at a funeral espied.
When asked who was dead,
He smilingly said:
"I don't know — I just came for the ride."



MEMORANDA

May

Devotion.

There once was a fellow most kind,
Who, when loving, went at it quite blind.
He said, "That's all right,
But she's so out of sight
That I can't keep her out of my mind!"

Ⓜ

May

Mai 15

月五 16

Mäi 17

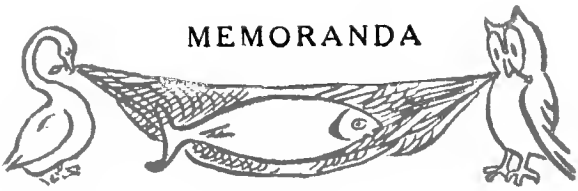
. 18

Mayo 19

マイ 20

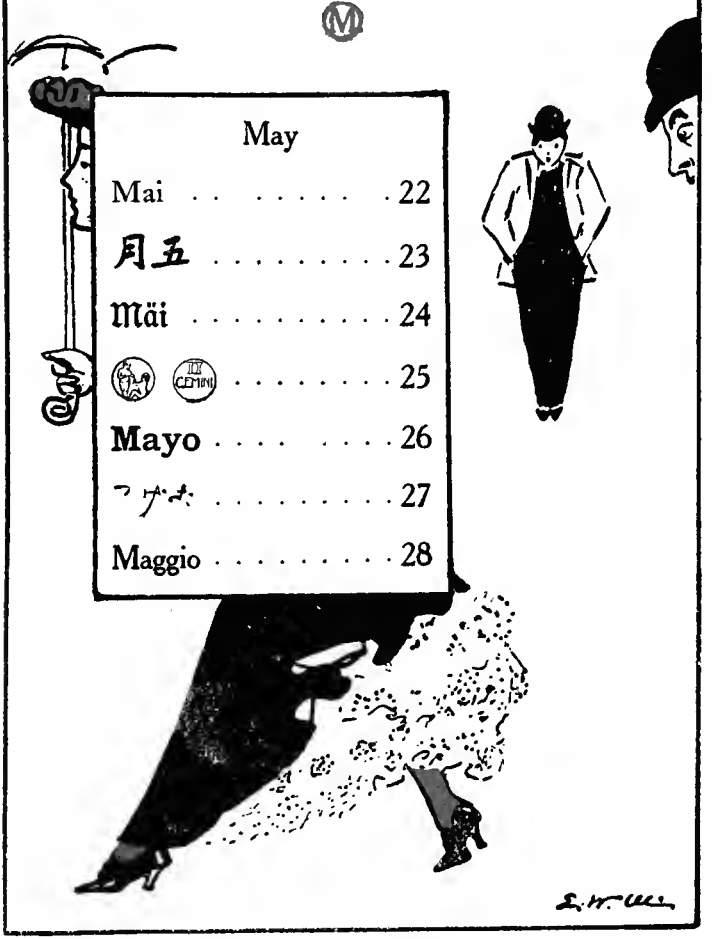
Maggio 21

MEMORANDA



Always Save for a Rainy Day.

There was a young lady named Jane,
Who went out to walk in the rain;
Her skirts were so lacey
It really was racey,
And drove all the chappies insane.



MEMORANDA

May

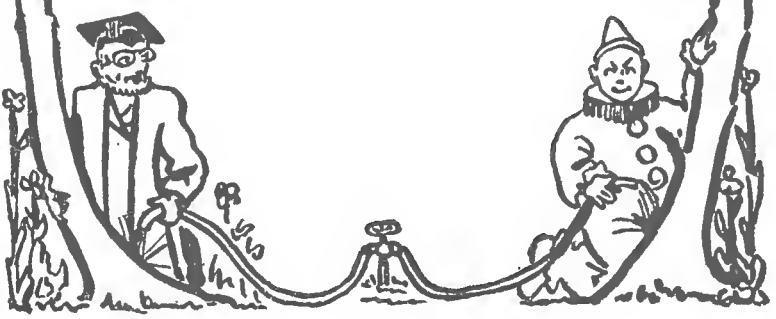
Be Careful.

There was a young man from the Cape,
Who always wore trousers of crêpe.
When asked, "Do they tear?"
He replied, "Here and there—
But they keep such a wonderful shape."

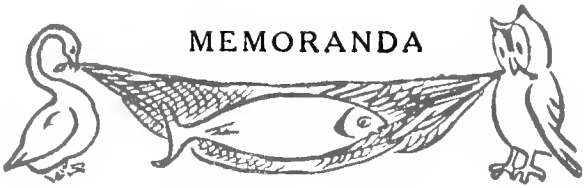
©

May

Mai 29
月五 30
Mäi 31

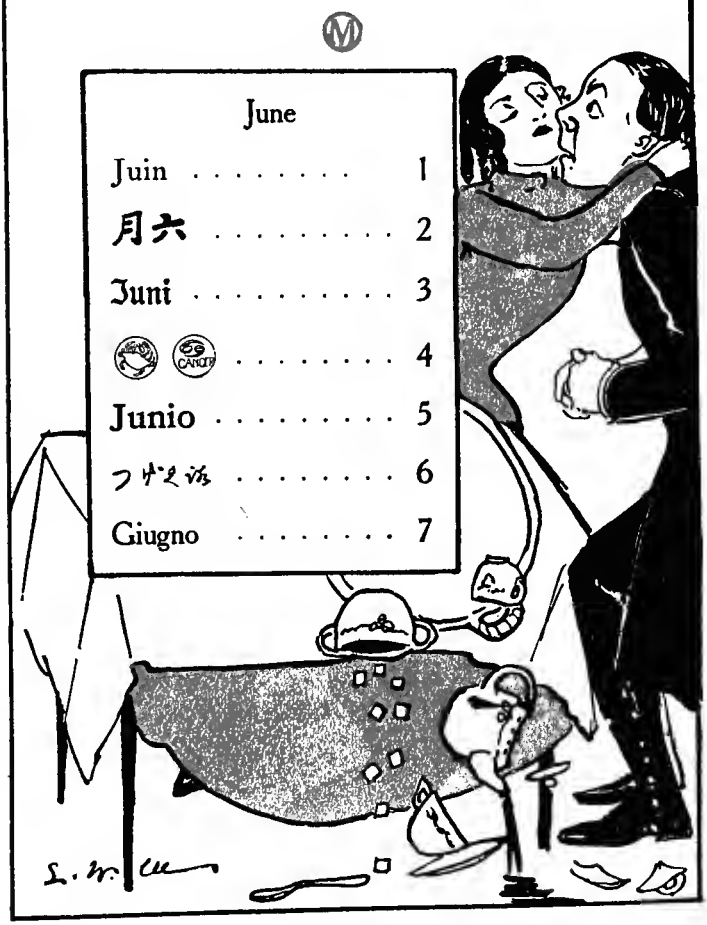


MEMORANDA



Seize Opportunities.

There was an old lady of Lee,
Who invited the curate to tea.
He said, "You quite shine
In the housewifely line."
"Oh, this is so sudden!" said she.



MEMORANDA

June

Seek After Knowledge.

A man with the brain of a linnet
Asked forty-two questions a minute.
When they said, "Mind your biz!"
He said, "Envy it is,
'Cause you know just how strictly I'm in it."

Ⓜ

June

Juin 8
月六 9
Juni 10
. 11
Junio 12
つゆ 13
Giugno 14
Ἰούνιος 15

MEMORANDA

Respect for Age.

There was an old beau of Formosa,
Who ne'er was content with a "No, sah!"
The strength of his arm
Oft excited alarm,
And his motto was "closah and closah."

MEMORANDA

June

Uncertainty.

A lady once had a bad habit:
She couldn't see cheese but she'd nab it.
She said, "Memory fails—
Is the rabbit from Wales?
Or do the wails come from the rabbit?"

Ⓜ

June

Juin 24

月六 25

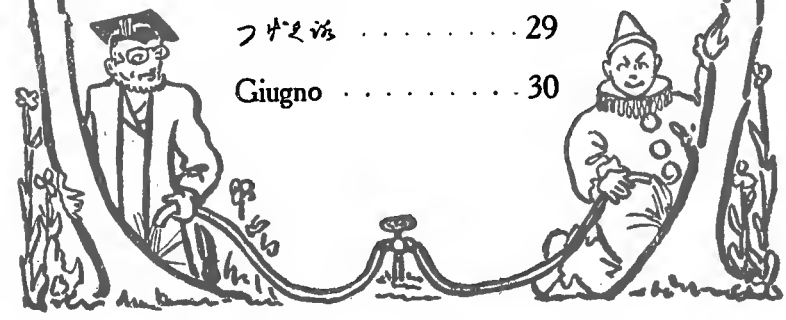
Juni 26

♋ CANCER 27

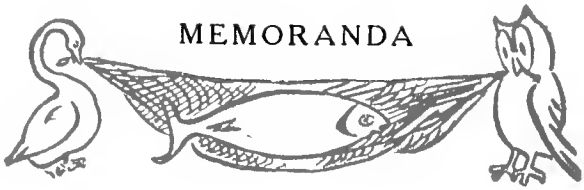
Junio 28

つゆ之候 29

Giugno 30

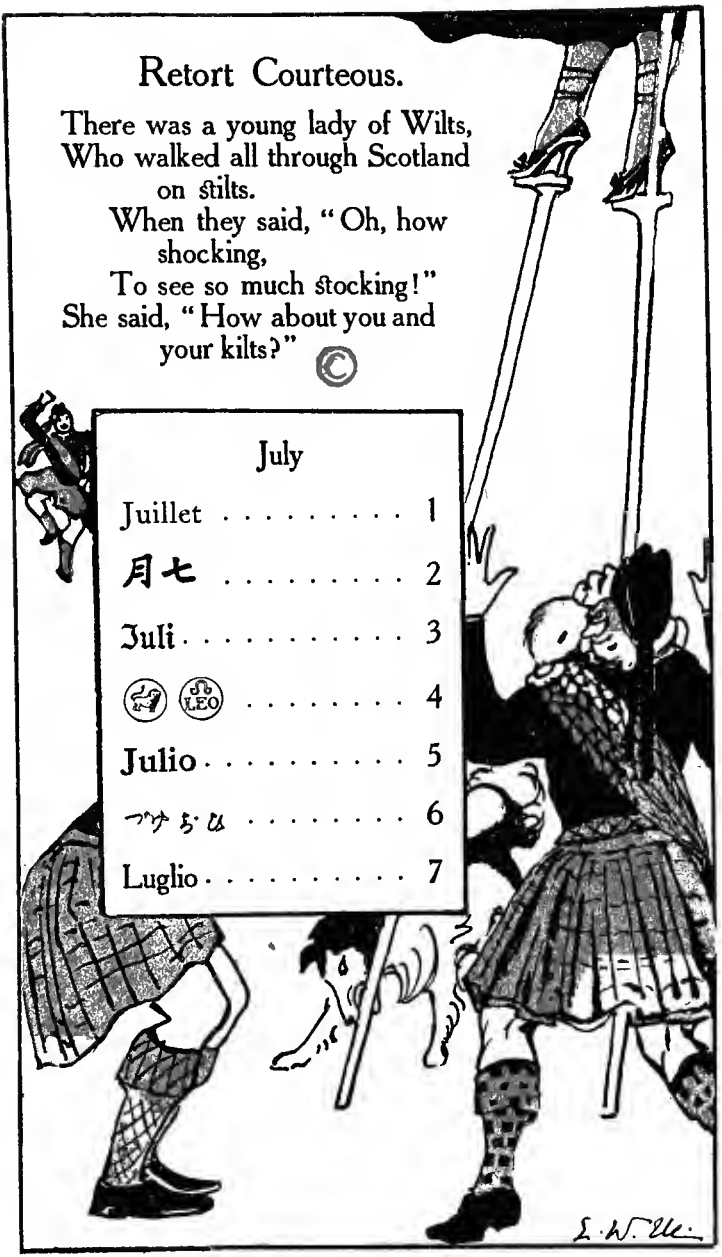


MEMORANDA

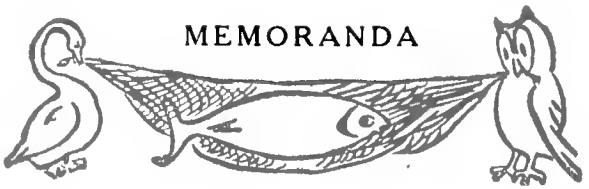


Retort Courteous.

There was a young lady of Wilts,
Who walked all through Scotland
on stilts.
When they said, "Oh, how
shocking,
To see so much stocking!"
She said, "How about you and
your kilts?"



MEMORANDA



July

Generosity.

There was a young lady of Venice,
Who used hard-boiled eggs to play tennis.
When they cried, "You are wrong!"
She replied, "Go along—
You don't know how prolific my hen is."

July

Juillet 8

月七 9

Juli 10

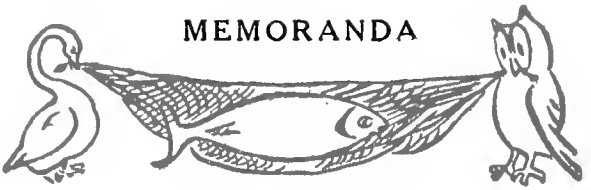
. 11

Julio 12

ツサちム 13

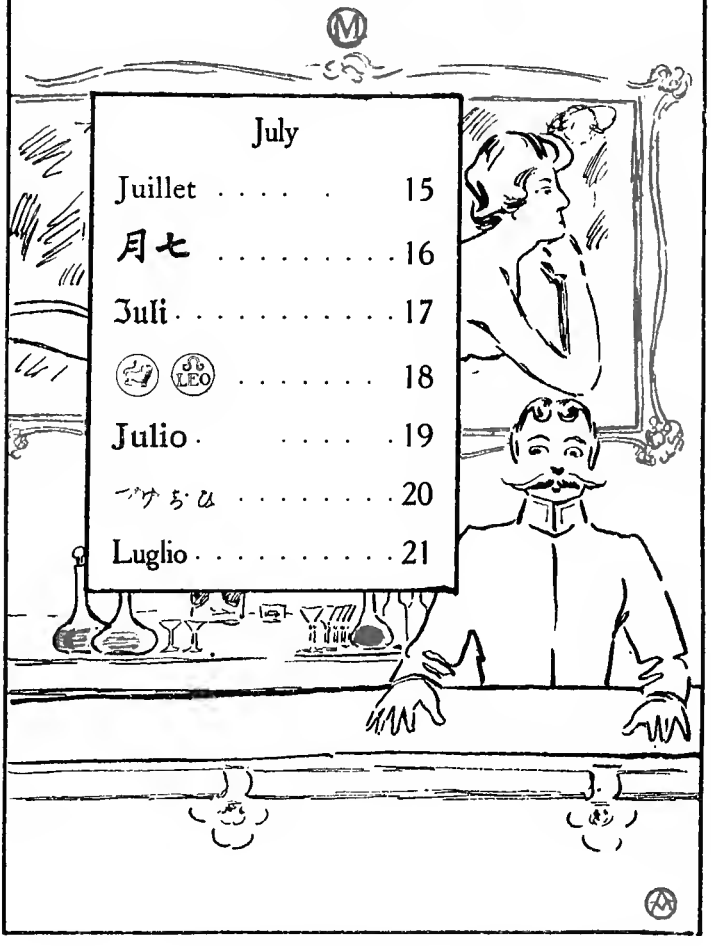
Luglio 14

MEMORANDA

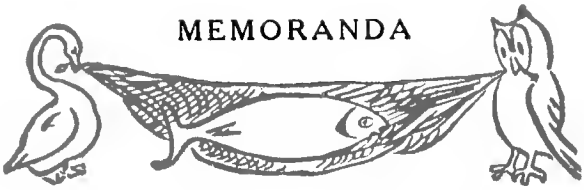


Art.

There was a fair dame whose manœuvre
Was to get her portrait in the Louvre;
But they sent it away
The very first day —
And it's now in a dive in Vancouvre.



MEMORANDA



July

Comparisons are Odious.

A talented artist (Ed Lanseer),
Said, "Beau Brummel, I won't paint these pants here;
I assure you, I can't see
That they are so fancy—
Why, last week I saw a dog-fancier."

July

Juillet 22

月七 23

Juli 24

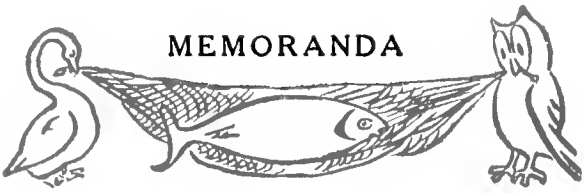
. 25

Julio 26

つゆちゅ 27

Luglio 28

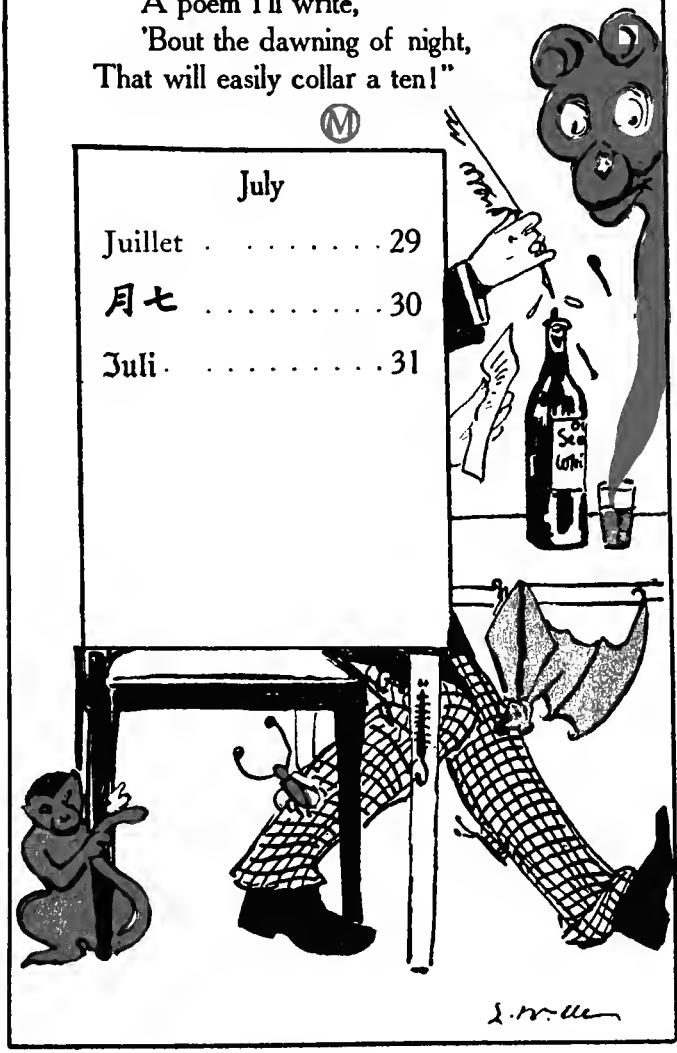
MEMORANDA



Inspiration.

An old person who lived by his pen,
Cried, "Goody! I've got 'em again!
A poem I'll write,
'Bout the dawning of night,
That will easily collar a ten!"

Ⓜ



MEMORANDA

Aug.

Popularity.

A musician there was—Paderewski—
Who never would drink nor would chewski;
As a Matineé blade,
He made Hackett afraid,
And quite broke the heart of John Drewski.

Ⓜ

August

Août 1

月八 2

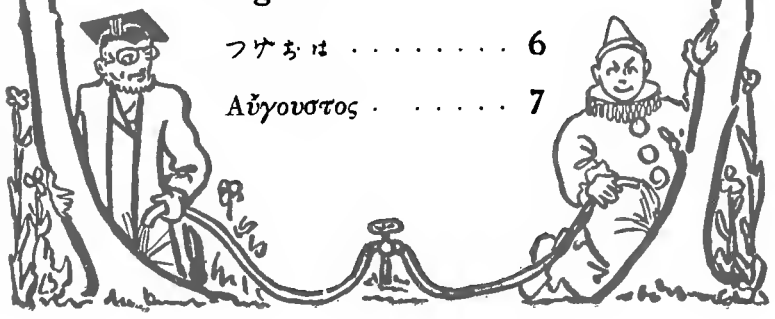
Auguſt 3

♌ VIRGO 4

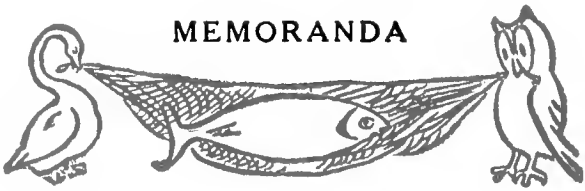
Agosto 5

つヤちは 6

Αὔγουστος 7



MEMORANDA

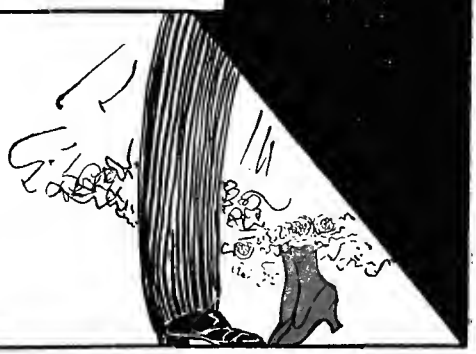


Truth.

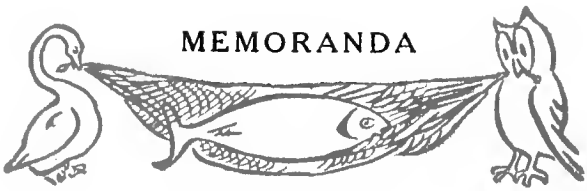
There was a young lady named Maude,
Who said she was "awfully boahed,"
For all men she hated,
Both single and mated —
But in the dark corners — Good Lawd!

August

Août 8
月八 9
Auguſt 10
♌ VIRGO 11
Agosto 12
つゞちは 13
Agoſto 14
Αὔγουστος 15



MEMORANDA



Aug.

A Good Girl.

Eliza she never was nifty,
She was kindly and gentle and thrifty;
She gave poor people pies,
And she never made eyes—
But then—she was seven and fifty!

August

Août 16

月八 17

Auguſt 18

. 19

Agosto 20

ツゲ ち· は 21

Agoſto 22

Αὔγουστος 23

MEMORANDA

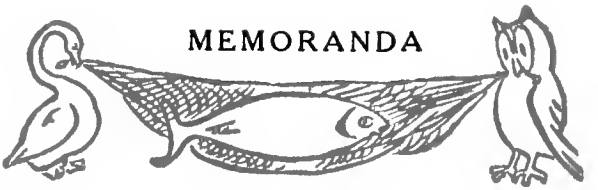
Do Not be Persiſtent.

There once was a promiſing hound,
The fleeteſt that ever was found;
But his friends all declare,
That when chaſing the hare,
He was running things into the ground.

Auguſt

Août 24
月八 25
Auguſt 26
♍ VIRGO 27
Agosto 28
つゞち は 29
Agoſto 30
Αὔγουστος 31

MEMORANDA



Sept.

Never Swear.

A kindly old person named Tom,
Manufactured a dynamite bomb.
One day in annoy,
He cast it at a boy,—
Saying, "Gracious! I nearly said Domn!"

Ⓜ

September

Septembre 1

月九 2

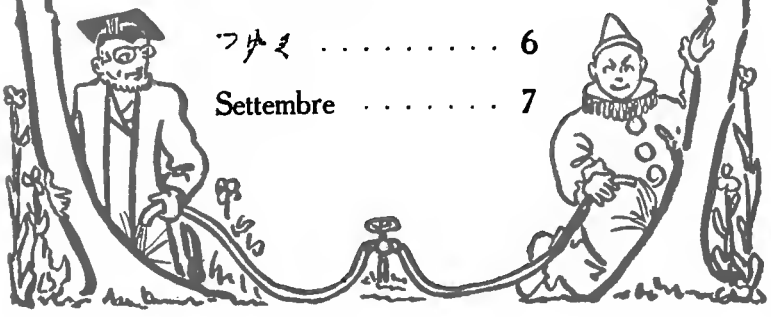
September 3

♎ LIBRA 4

Setiembre 5

つかえ 6

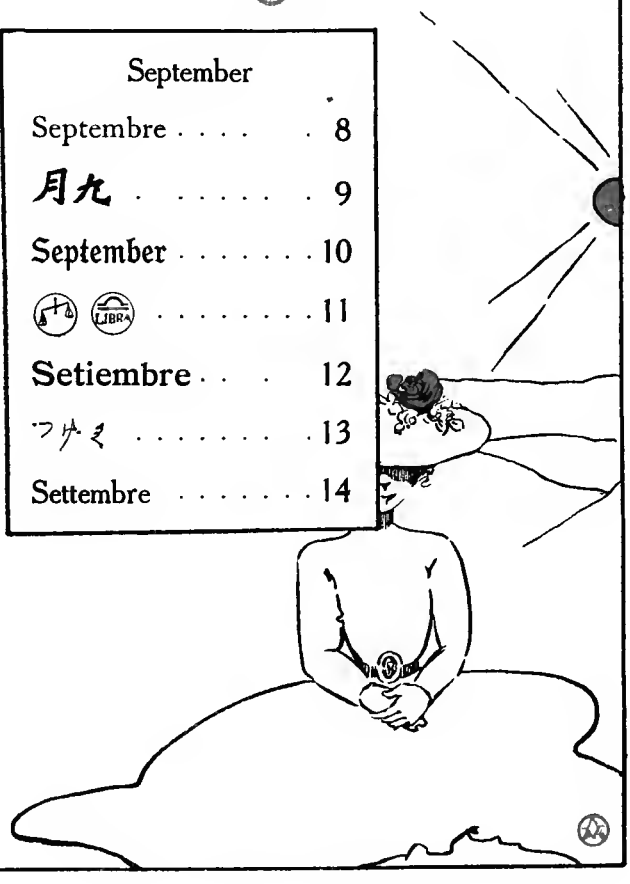
Settembre 7



MEMORANDA

Self-Sufficiency.

There was a young damsel named Nell,
Who considered herself quite a belle.
She sat on the sand,
And held her own hand,
And never got on to the swell.



MEMORANDA

Sept.

The Young Nimrod.

Young Henry went out for to shoot,
With a gun and a high rubber boot;
He shot an old goat,
A guide and a shoat —
But he's best when he's shooting the chute.

September

Septembre 15

月九 16

September 17

. 18

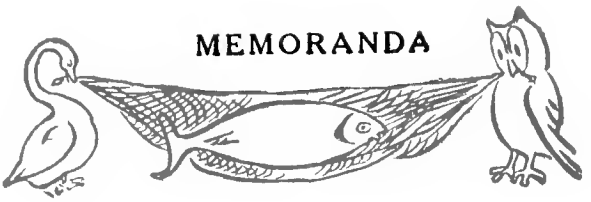
Setiembre 19

ツ月ミ 20

Settembre 21

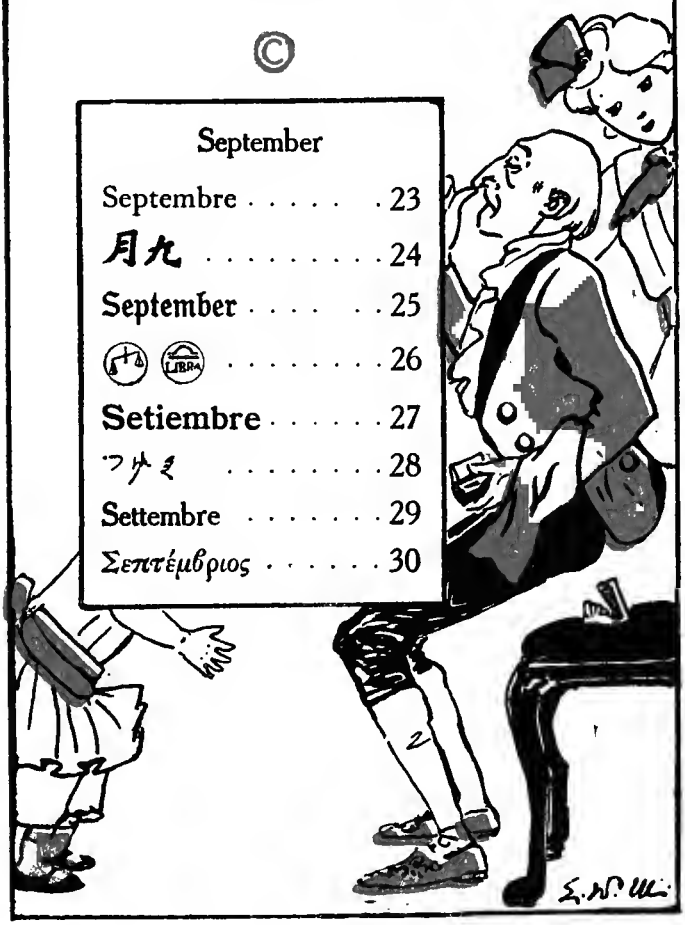
Σεπτέμβριος 22

MEMORANDA

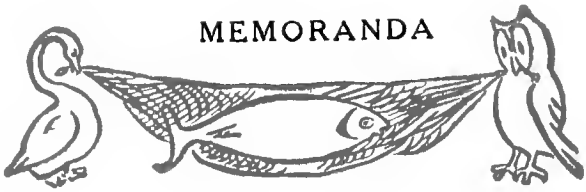


Foresight.

There was an old man of Tarrentum,
Who sat on his false teeth and bent 'um
When asked what he'd lost,
And what they had cost,
He replied, "I don't know, I just rent 'um."



MEMORANDA



Oct.

Society.

There was a fair charmer named Jones,
And the lions from various zones
At her house came and roared
In a beautiful chord,
As she fed them elaborate bones.

October

Octobre 1

月十 2

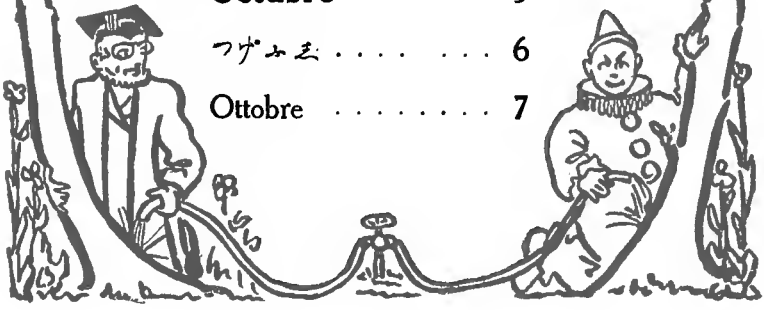
Oktober 3

 4

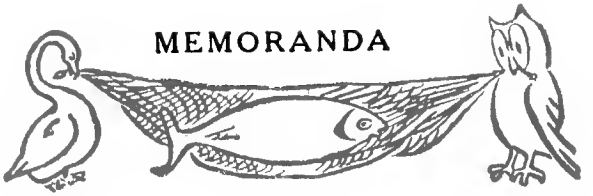
Octubre 5

つがみそ 6

Ottobre 7

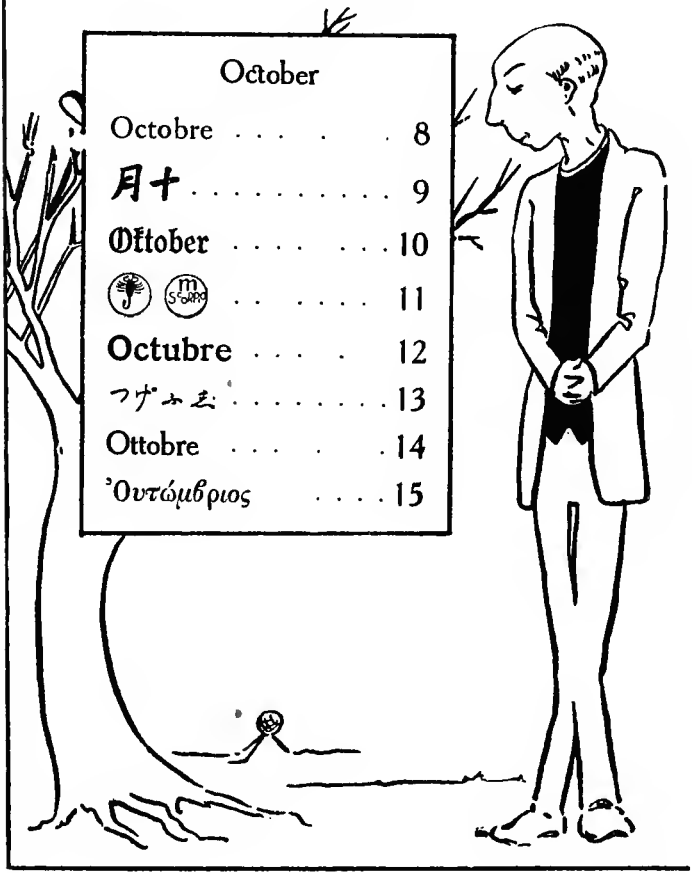


MEMORANDA

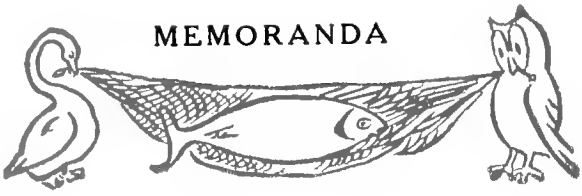


At a Cursory Glance.

A curate once smote at a tee,
And threw his new club up a tree,
Saying, "Fie!! My!! Oh, dear!!!
I must give up, I fear,
Either golf or the ministree!"



MEMORANDA



Oct.

High Ideals.

There was a young man who said, "Oh,
Why, lucre's so filthy and low!"
But his friends said, "Oh, shoo!
That's too good to be true—
You can bet that he's after the dough!"

Ⓜ

October

Octobre 16

月十 17

Oktober 18

. 19

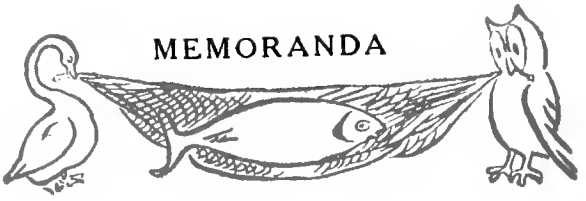
Octubre 20

ツガュミ 21

Ottobre 22

Ὀυτώμβριος 23

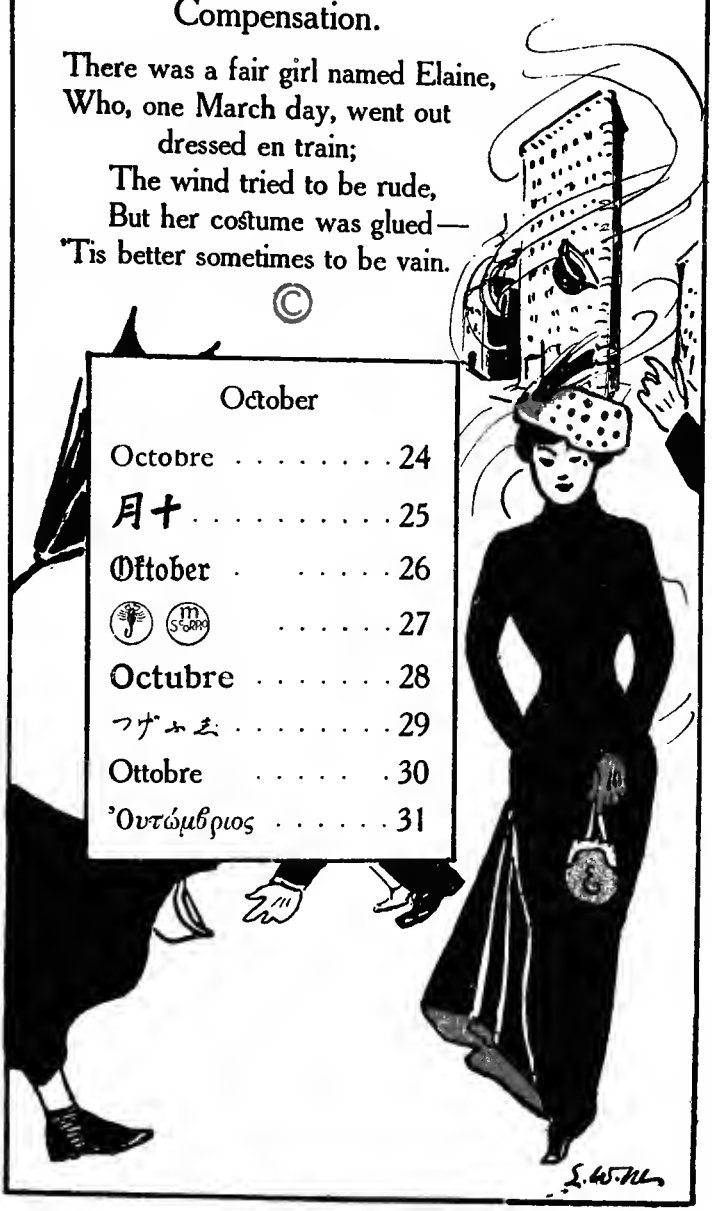
MEMORANDA



Compensation.

There was a fair girl named Elaine,
Who, one March day, went out
dressed en train;
The wind tried to be rude,
But her costume was glued—
'Tis better sometimes to be vain.

©



October

Octobre	24
月十	25
Oktober	26
♏ ♍	27
Octubre	28
ツガふ	29
Ottobre	30
Ὀυτώμβριος	31

MEMORANDA

Nov.

The Lovers.

A lover in China, named Kin,
Sang soft serenades with great din;
With his eye to a crack
In the wall at the back—
And they said, "'Tis the lute of Peek-in!"

November

Novembre 1

月一十 2

November 3

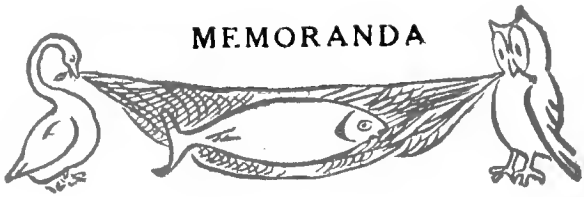
. 4

Noviembre 5

つげおつふぉ 6

Novembre 7

MEMORANDA



Don't Be a Rounder.

There was a fair maid named O'Neil,
Who went up in the great Ferris Wheel;
On the thirty-fourth round
She looked down at the ground —
And it cost her an 80-cent meal.

November

Novembre 8

月一十 9

November 10

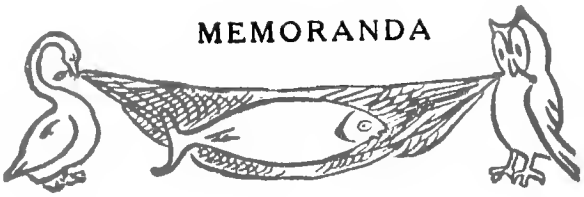
. 11

Noviembre 12

つげおつふお 13

Novembre 14

MEMORANDA



Nov.

Hospitality.

A tenderfoot out in the West
Said, "Afternoon tea's *such* a rest!"
So they knocked off his hat
As they punched his nose flat,
And shot all the checks off his vest.

November

Novembre 15

月一十 16

November 17

. 18

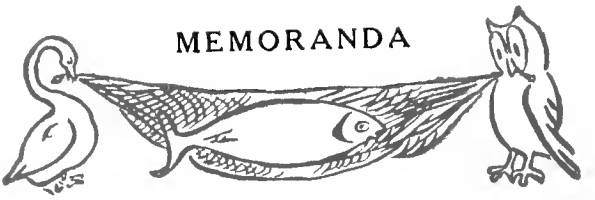
Noviembre 19

つげおーふむ 20

Novembre 21

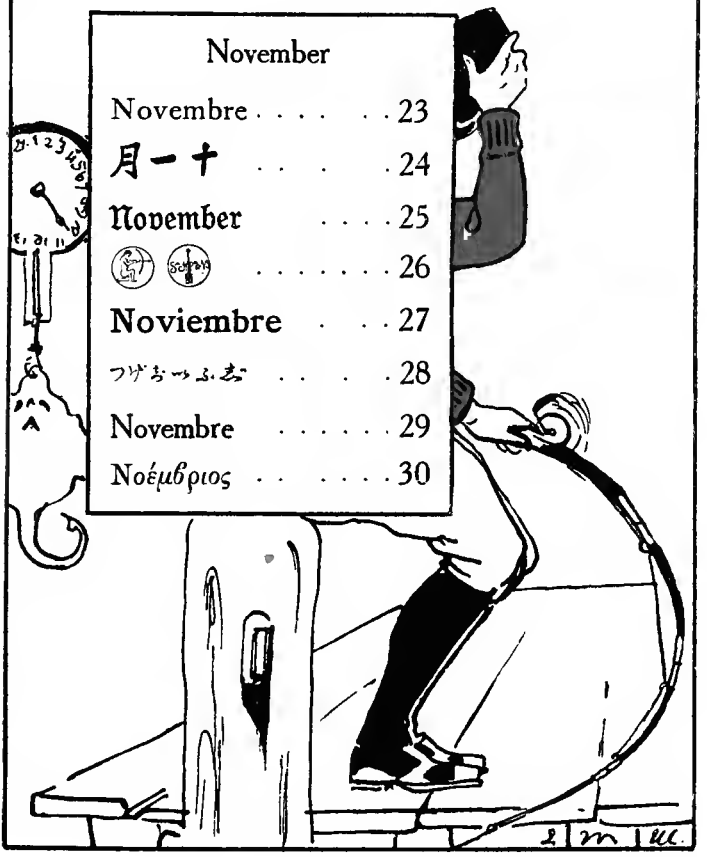
Νοέμβριος 22

MEMORANDA



Perseverance.

There was an old person named Tate.
Who out fishing went early and late.
When the fish gave a tug,
Then he pulled on the jug,
And the thing that he caught was a skate.



MEMORANDA

Dec.

Modesty.

There once was a sensitive bride,
Who ran when the groom she espied.
When they put on her veil
She set up a wail,
And when the priest blessed her, she cried.

Ⓜ

December

Décembre 1

月二十 2

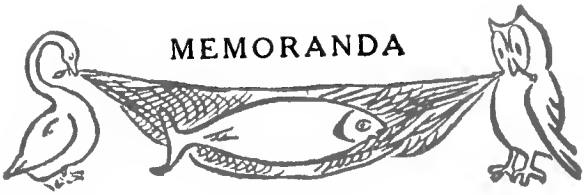
Dezember 3

. 4

Diciembre 5

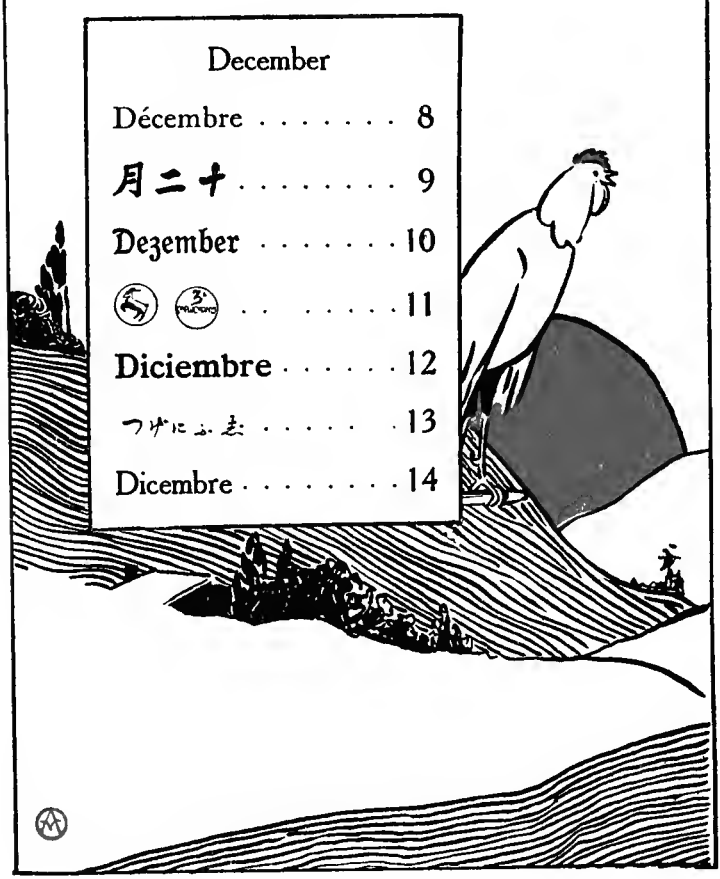
つぎにふる 6

Dicembre 7

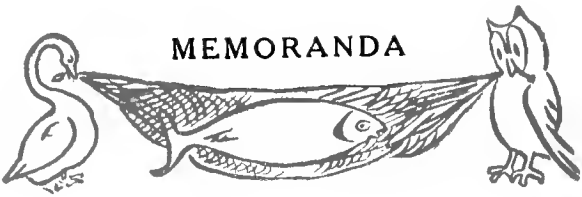

MEMORANDA

Know Your True Worth.

Said a Rooster, "I'd have you all know
I am nearly the whole of the show;
Why, the Sun every morn
Gets up with the dawn
For the purpose of hearing me crow!"



MEMORANDA



Dec.

A Good Reason.

There was a young man of Fort Blainey,
Who proposed to a typist named Janey;
When his friends cried, "Oh, dear!
She's so old and so queer!"
He replied, "But the day was so rainy!"

December

Décembre 15

月二十 16

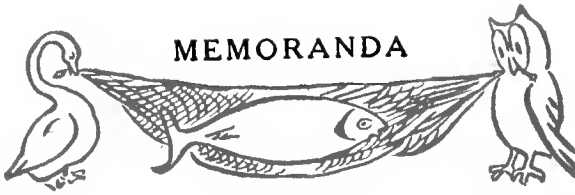
Dezember 17

. 18

Diciembre 19

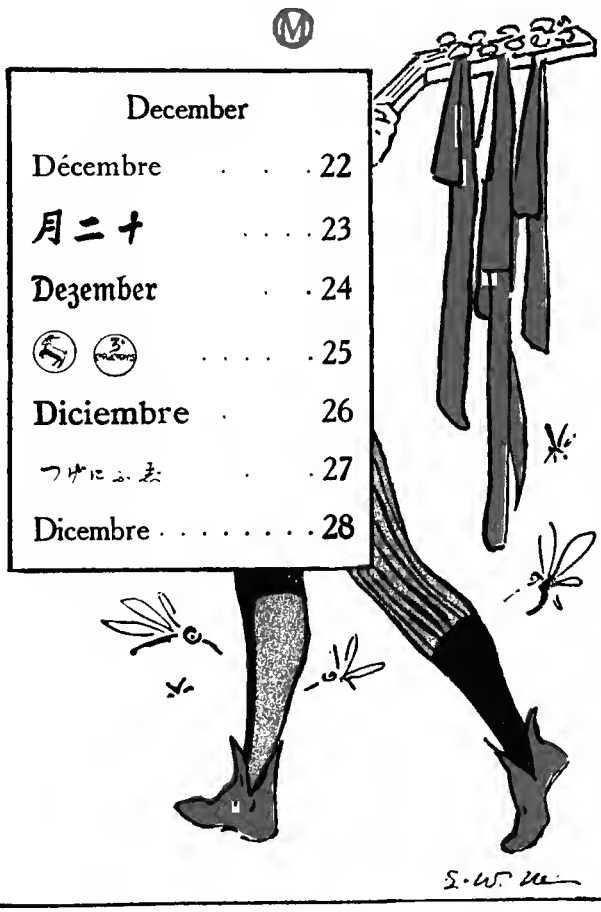
つゞにふ走 20

Dicembre 21

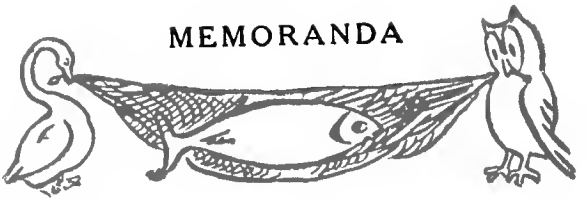

MEMORANDA

Recklessness.

Sir Guy was an amorous knight,
Who costumed himself in a tight.
It was taking a chance
To go without pants,
In case the mosquitoes should bite.



MEMORANDA



Dec.

Thrift.

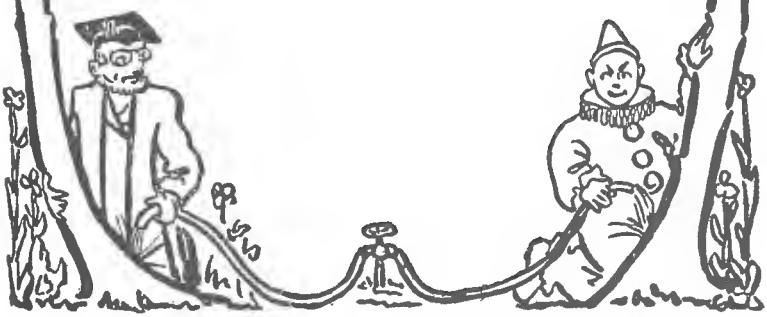
There was a good dame of Cape Horn,
Whose clothing was tattered and torn.
She remarked, debonnaire,
As she pinned up her hair:
"Three bargains I purchased this morn."

December

Décembre 29

月二十 30

Dezember 31



FINIS.